

**In the Drawings:**

Please amend the drawings as shown in the attached marked-up and Replacement Sheets, as follows:

In Figure 12, please correct item #428c to read - - 428a - - .

## REMARKS

Amendments have been made to the Specification to correct several minor errors, in paragraphs [0011], [0027], [0035] and [0040]. Paragraphs [0009] and [0032] have been amended to make clearer the direction of movement of the clamp's pinch member, that it is transverse with respect to the sheath tubular body as supported in Figures 1 and 4. In each of paragraphs [0040] and [0041], a sentence has been entered that originally was located in paragraph [0045] as filed. Original paragraphs [0043] and [0044] have been relocated to follow paragraph [0041] and have been renumbered as new paragraphs [0040.1] and [0040.2]; and original paragraph [0042] has been relocated to follow original paragraph [0048] and has been renumbered as new paragraph [0048.1]. Such relocation of the paragraphs facilitates reading and understanding of the Specification. Also, paragraph [0045] is essentially a duplication of paragraph [0041] and is hereby deleted, along with paragraphs [0042], [0043] and [0044] which were relocated. In the Abstract, reference numerals have been added. In Figure 12, an item number was corrected and Replacement Sheet enclosed herewith

In claims 1 to 9, the claims have been amended to replace the "means" terminology with either "clamp assembly" or "pinching assembly", supported in the Specification in all Figures and in paragraphs [0031] to [0033] (body 122 plus pinch member 130); paragraphs [0051] – [0052] (clamping segments 310,310'); and in paragraph [0065] (clamping segments 410,410'). In claim 21, the phrase "transversely with respect to the sheath" has been inserted.

No new matter has been added by these amendments, and entry and an early of examination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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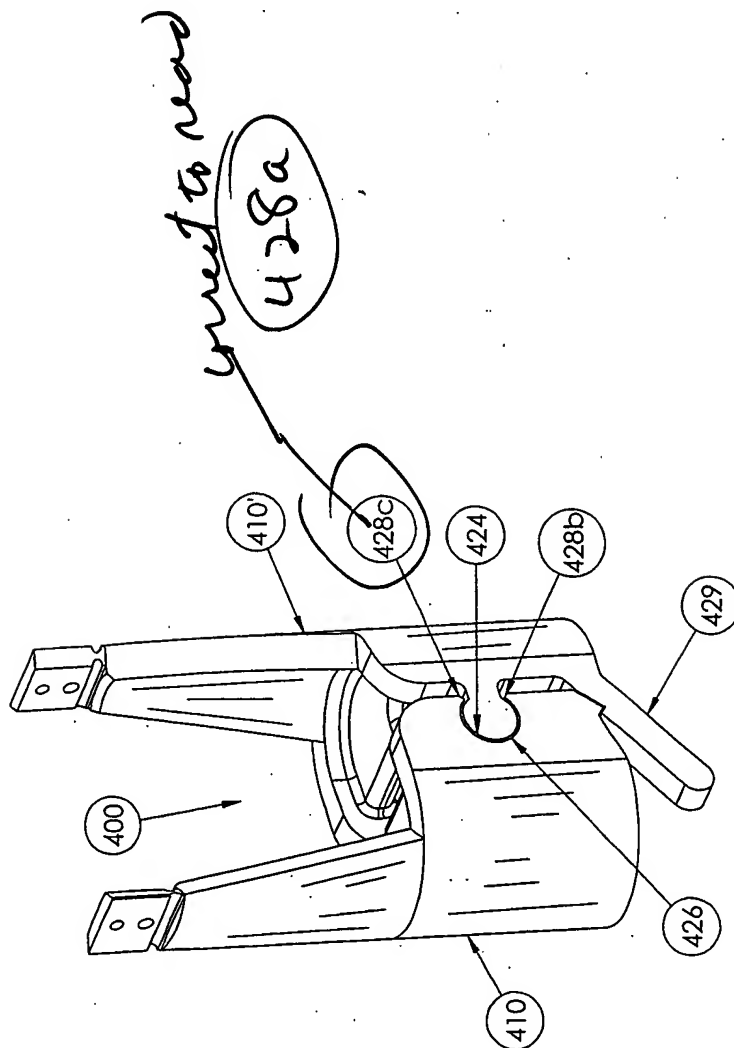


FIG. 12